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SESSION

1. FOLLOWING WHAT WAS AN ANNUAL SOVIET PRACTICE HERE DURING THE YEARS BEFORE AFGHANISTAN'S APRIL 27 REVOLUTION, AMBASSADOR SAFRANCHUK, DESCRIBED BY THE KABUL PRESS AS "A HIGH-RANKING OFFICIAL OF THE SOVIET MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS", VISITED KABUL RECENTLY TO DISCUSS "ISSUES RELATED TO THE UPCOMING 33RD SESSION OF THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND OTHER ISSUES OF INTEREST". ON SEPT 7, SAFRANCHUK MET WITH SHAH MOHAMMAD DOST, DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS. ACCORDING TO THE GOVT-CONTROLLED "KABUL TIMES" OF SEPT 10, "IDENTICAL VIEWS EXISTED ON MOST OF THE AGENDA FOR THIS YEAR'S SESSION."

2. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH THE AFGHANS APPEAR TO HAVE CLAIMED TO HAVE RESERVED SOME AREAS OF INDEPENDENCE ON THIS YEAR'S UNGA AGENDA, WE DO NOT EXPECT THEIR VOTING PATTERN TO DIFFER SIGNIFICANTLY FROM THAT OF THE USSR THIS YEAR.

IT IS NOTEWORTHY, HOWEVER, THAT THE TOP AFGHAN OFFICIAL WHOM
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SAFRANCHUK OSTENSIBLY SAW WAS A SECOND-ECHELON OFFICIAL LIKE DOST, WHOM WE DO NOT REGARD AS A DECISION MAKER.
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